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SUBJECT: ROYAL COMMISSION SUGGESTS POLLUTION CONTROL
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1. THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION WAS PUBLISHED JANUARY 15. THE PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION AMONG 94 PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IS FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW NATIONAL AUTHORITY TO CONTROL POLLUTION. IT WOULD BE CALLED HM POLLUTION INSPECTORATE AND COVER ALL FORMS OF POLLUTION WHETHER GASEOUS, LIQUID OR SOLID FROM INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES THAT PRESENT TECHNOLOGICALLY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

2. SIR BRIAN FLOWERS (FORMERLY HEAD OF SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL). CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION, SAID STUDY AROSE BECAUSE OF SEVERE CRITICISM OF ALKALI INSPECTORATE. THE INSPECTORATE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING SOMEWHAT "DICKENSIAN" IN ITS ATTITUDE. THIS AFFECTED ITS PUBLIC IMAGE AND ITS RELATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHICH HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIR POLLU-
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TION FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT THE 2500 REGISTERED

WORKS BEING MONITORED BY THE INSPECTORATE. MANY OF THE REPORT'S 94 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THESE LOCAL AUTHORITIES. WHILE CRITICIZING THE INSPECTORATE, THE REPORT EXPRESSES SATISFACTION, HOWEVER, WITH THE INSPECTORATE'S GENERAL POLICY OF COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION WITH INDUSTRY AND ENDORSES ITS PRAGMATIC APPROACH OF ESTABLISHING THE "BEST PRACTICAL MEANS" RATHER THAN SETTING ABSOLUTE LIMITS .

3. COPIES OF THE REPORT HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND WILL BE POUCHED TO OES, HERTER, AND EPS, GREEN, WHEN RECEIVED.

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